

HOMICIDE RATE FOR BLACK MALES AGES 15-24

Objective

By 1990, the death rate from homicide among Black males ages 15-24 should be reduced to below 60 per 100,000.

Explanatory Notes

Includes ICD codes E960-978 of the Ninth Revision. N.C. data for Blacks were not tabulated prior to 1979.

Findings

The North Carolina rate dropped to 19.9 in 1983 but has risen each year since and is projected to rise to about 43.0 in 1990. Though these rates are well below the national target of 60, the rising trend is a concern. Nationally, it appears possible that this objective will be met (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics

United States: National Center for Health Statistics